

Pets Play Peek-A-Boo

The calendar of social events says this is National "Be Kind to Animals Week," and The Press has been alerted to the annual extravaganza bid for favored treatment to the area's pets by no less a personage than Sheriff John, the eminent TV personality.

We are already aware that Torrance and environs didn't limit itself to dogs and cats alone, and that the residents were both exotic and creative in their tastes and pet selections.

But even photographers Bill Schell and Gordon Akers were amazed at some of the things they saw. In fact, according to Schell and Akers, "Be Kind to Animals Week" in Torrance and the South Bay is really "Be Kind to Animals Year."

Monkeys, birds, snakes, and even caterpillars were among the oddities they uncovered. They couldn't get the caterpillar to pose for them, however.

And wait until publisher Bill Zappas gets the bill for torn jackets, stained shirts, etc., incurred by the boys during their restless foray (that's the word!) in quest of Torrance's torrid pets.

The Press cameramen who spent patient hours photographing their subjects urgently recommend a new week — it's to be called (you guessed it):

BE KIND TO PHOTOGRAPHERS WEEK.



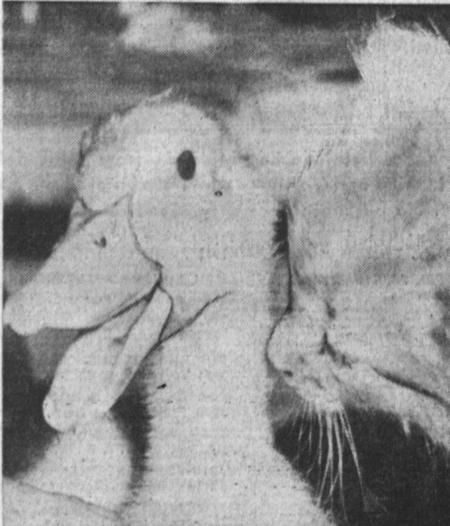
KIN TO CHEETAH, perhaps, is this curious chimp, that seems to be studying the curly locks of 11-year-old Danny Norfleet, son of a pet shop proprietor. The chimp, known as "Mr.

Professor," may not be doing research for his Ph.D. dissertation, but you'd have a hard time convincing Danny that the monkey on his back is a dope.

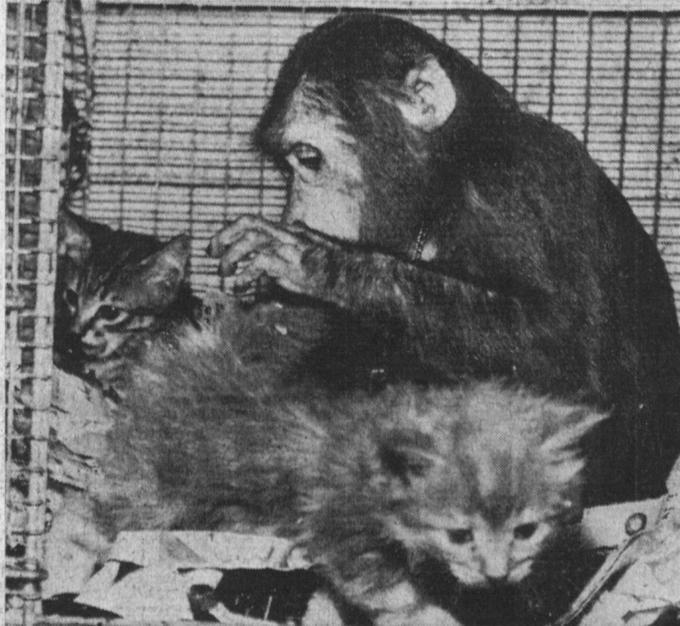


"I SURE LIKE the way you treat me," says Baby Kitty, a 7-month-old ocelot (cat to you), to Mrs. Lee Norfleet. The ocelot, one of the jungle's swiftest, figured in a stormy court session

a couple of years ago in Michigan when neighbors objected to a blonde who kept two of them (ocelots) as house pets.



THERE'S NO NEED TO WHISPER ... everyone knows it's "Be Kind to Animals Week," says Mr. Duck to the cat. The week from May 5 to 12 has been deemed National Be Kind to Animals Week — and there's no ducking the issue — so let's be nice and friendly, Mr. Cat! (Photo to right)



JOSEPHINE believes in "Be Kind to Animals Week," too. She is helping the kitten rid herself of fleas. Josephine and the cat reside at a pet shop

in the Carson area. If a monkey isn't available, we are told, a can of flea powder will work equally well.



THIS RINGED TAIL "masked bandit"—unwanted by any family as a pet—was left at the Los Angeles County Animal Shelter. Authorities checked the Raccoon's health—which proved A-1, then placed him in the Griffith Park Zoo, where he'll live a long and happy life, unlike Francis Macomber.



PABLUM FOR POLLY is the menu at Palos Verdes Bird Farm, where Lawrence Lewis feeds a young parrot in his care (it IS pablum, too, no

foolin'). Lewis obviously believes in being kind to the strange (and the not so strange) birds that roam his "farm."



SHE'S ALL MINE, exults Polly Milloway, age five years, as she holds baby kitten, age nine days, during sharing period in nursery school. Of course, kitty isn't all hers, and Polly loves to share her with her

classmates, but — for one sweet moment — Polly shares a moment of feline felicity with this tiniest of babies.